

# **The Farm Project Education Officer**

**Full/semi full time**

## **About The Farm Project**

The Farm Project CIC (Community Interest Company) offers an unusual experience for children and young people through short-stay residentials on a working organic farm. Whilst here children and young people gain a deep understanding of where food comes from through hands-on growing, harvesting and cooking. They work with livestock and spend time in the woods building an awareness and appreciation for the natural world. Learning outside the classroom offers invaluable opportunities for personal development, building confidence and self-esteem. The nurturing environment encourages positive relationships to be built between individuals and gives a general sense of wellbeing.

## **Job Description**

The role is primarily working with residential stays though there will also be day visits from local groups as well as children's holiday clubs. The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic, friendly, outgoing and passionate about introducing young people to farm life. They will have experience of delivering education and working with children and young people from a diverse range of backgrounds. The candidate will genuinely enjoy the company of children and young people, be happy out in the woods whatever the weather and have a high mud tolerance.

## **Key responsibilities**

- To deliver inspiring cooking sessions focusing on seasonality and food from the farm
- To deliver education sessions with small groups of children, young people and occasionally adults including gardening, fire lighting, wood chopping, nature walks
- To provide a warm welcome to all visitors to the farm and to help generate an unforgettable environment
- To assist with the general housekeeping of the accommodation facilities including Friday changeovers
- To ensure safe and responsible working practice at all times, adhering to all The Farm Project policies and procedures

## Person Specification

- Experience delivering cooking sessions to children and young people (or experience cooking in a professional environment)
- Experience working with children and young people with social emotional difficulties, additional learning needs and disengaged young people
- Commitment to equal opportunities
- Knowledge of child protection issues
- Strong knowledge of and genuine passion for the outdoors in particular the natural world and woodlands
- An understanding of our attitude to local food and whole farm ethos
- Able and willing to undertake manual work as part of education programmes
- Comfortable around animals
- A proactive nature
- Strong communication skills
- Outgoing, enthusiastic and friendly
- A sense of fun and adventure
- A dynamic and flexible approach to working
- Organised, punctual, reliable
- Willingness to work evenings and occasional weekends

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Fixed term contract (with the possibility of extension).

£27k pro rata.

Subsidised simple accommodation might be available on the farm.

If you are interested to apply or would like to learn more about this post please have a look at the farm project and farmshop websites to learn more about us, and then email **hilary@theorganicfarmshop.co.uk** with a full cv and letter of interest. Applications taken until we find the right applicant!

Interviews will take place at the end of January. Role to start mid early March 2024.

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